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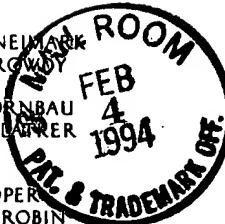
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RE: New Patent Application in U.S.
ANTI-TNF ANTIBODIES AND PEPTIDES OF HUMAN
TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a patent application entitled ~~ANTI-TNF ANTIBODIES AND PEPTIDES OF HUMAN TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR~~. The inventors are Jumming LE, Jan VILCEK, Peter E. DADDONA, John GHRAYER, David M. KNIGHT, and Scott A. SEIGAL. Priority under 35 USC §120 is claimed from U.S. Application Serial No. 08/010,406, filed January 29, 1993; U.S. Application Serial No. 08/013,413 filed February 2, 1993; and U.S. Application Serial No. 07/943,852, filed September 11, 1992; U.S. Application Serial No. 07/853,606, filed March 18, 1992; and U.S. Application Serial No. 07/670,827, filed March 18, 1991.

This application is a continuation-in-part of each of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/010,406, filed January 29, 1993 and U.S. Application Serial No. 08/013,413 filed February 2, 1993. U.S. Application Serial No. 08/013,413, filed February 2, 1993, is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/943,852, filed September 11, 1992, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/853,606, filed March 18, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/670,827, now abandoned. Each of the above non-abandoned applications are entirely incorporated herein by reference.

Attached are the specification (168 pages), including 105 claims (2 independent) and an abstract, plus 38 sheet of drawings (Figures 1-35B), and a return postcard. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(a) and (b), it is respectfully requested that a serial number and filing date be assigned to this application as of the date of receipt of the present papers. In accordance with the present procedures of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, an